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JP 08-145906 and JP09-126744 are discussed in the specification of the current application.

The International Search Report corresponding to this application cites four additional references, namely JP 2001-59717, JP 2000-321037, JP 06-242019 and WO 2000-136917.

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